

The Democrats' VISION DEFICIT

HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE, REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Confirming Our Expectations – Again and Again

There's a reason we call Democrats the party of tax-and-spend – *it's because they keep proving they are!*
The evidence just keeps coming.

Higher Spending

- The Democrats added \$6 billion to the current-year omnibus appropriation – *above* the level of spending already in place.
- Democrats also plan to “add billions of dollars to the \$103 billion supplemental war and hurricane spending sought by the President,” according to yesterday’s *CQ Today*.
- Of course, all this new spending is *before* the Democrats have even adopted a budget. *CQ Today* also says that Democrat budget writers and appropriators “plan to add billions of dollars to President Bush’s fiscal 2008 budget proposal.”

Higher Taxes

- To pay for all this? Democrats plan to couple their new spending – *stop us if you’ve heard this before* – with higher taxes.
- *CongressDaily AM*:
 - “House Majority Leader Hoyer told reporters Tuesday that the budget plan would not assume all of President Bush’s [tax relief] policies are extended.”
 - Senator Conrad says they will “go after overseas tax shelters, deal with the alternative minimum tax and shrink the gap between taxes owed and taxes paid.”
- But apparently the Democrats’ own tax-writers didn’t get the memo. More from *CongressDaily AM*:
 - “There won’t be any tax increases,” said Ways and Means Chairman Rangel.
 - “I think the [budget] resolution should not have the effect of increasing taxes,” Senate Finance Chairman Baucus added.
- Let’s hang onto our wallets until the Democrats get their story straight.